Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended)   A method of providing a bingo <u>bonus</u> game ~~bonus win events based on bingo game bonus patterns~~ in a bingo gaming system, the method comprising:

receiving a wager from two or more players to establish a gaming session in the bingo gaming system, wherein the wager is exchanged for a virtual bingo card;

generating a bingo ball draw to be presented to the at least two players, wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls;

~~determining at least one number of bingo balls to be drawn in association with a bingo bonus pattern, making at least one bingo bonus win event thereby;~~

~~assigning a win amount to each of said at least one bonus win event;~~

~~allocating a portion of the wager amounts from the at least two players percentage of virtual bingo card purchase amounts for one or more bonus payouts such that said allocated amounts and a frequency-based calculation of said at least one win event and said assigned win amount averaged over time are approximately equal;~~

~~playing bingo games including generation of bingo ball draws for each game;~~

~~generating at least said one number of bingo balls to be included in said bingo ball draws before ending each bingo game;~~

<u>sending one or more balls from the bingo ball draw to the gaming machines until a winning event occurs at a bingo gaming terminal;</u>

<u>presenting the winning event from the bingo game as a game outcome of non-bingo game of chance;</u>

determining, for each virtual bingo card in the gaming session ~~each bingo game~~, if a bonus win event occurred; and

<u>presenting the bonus win event as a game outcome of a non-bingo game of chance.</u>

~~awarding said assigned win amount corresponding to said win event.~~

2.   (currently amended)   The method of claim 1, <u>wherein the bonus win event</u> ~~where said a least one bingo bonus pattern~~ comprises <u>a bingo bonus pattern of four</u> [[4]] corners <u>of the virtual</u>

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bingo card being daubed, and wherein the predetermined number of bingo balls is fifty bingo balls. ~~where said at least one number of bingo balls comprises 50.~~

3.   (currently amended)   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

creating a prize pool including ~~generation of at least one predetermined pool containing~~ elements which correspond to game outcomes of the <u>non-</u>bingo game of chance;

randomly selecting a number of elements from ~~said~~ <u>the</u> prize pool~~, said selected number based on a total number of virtual bingo cards in a bingo game~~;

sending ~~said~~ <u>the</u> selected elements to player terminals corresponding to virtual bingo cards in ~~said~~ <u>the</u> bingo game; and

sending ~~no-win~~ <u>non-winning</u> bingo game results to player terminals corresponding to virtual bingo cards in ~~said~~ <u>the</u> bingo game, if any.

4-6.   (canceled)

7.   (new)   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

allocating a portion of the wagers received from the two or more players to a bonus pool; and

awarding a bonus prize for the bonus win event, wherein the bonus prize is funded with monies from the bonus pool.

8.   (new)   A method for providing a bonus game for a bingo game, the method comprising:

creating a bingo gaming session that includes two or more players initiating a bingo game at two or more bingo terminals;

forming a prize pool that includes a plurality of game outcomes for a non-bingo game of chance;

generating and presenting a bingo ball draw at the two or more bingo player terminals, wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls;

displaying a non-bingo winning game outcome to the player in response to a winning bingo game outcome occurring at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo winning game outcome corresponds to a prize selected from the prize pool;

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sending any remaining bingo balls from the bingo ball draw to the two or more bingo player terminals to generate a bonus game; and

presenting the bonus game to the two or more bingo player terminals.

9.   (new) The method of claim 8, wherein the non-bingo game of chance is a multi-reel slots game or a poker game.

10.   (new) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

determining whether a winning bonus outcome occurred on the two or more bingo game terminals; and

awarding a bonus payout from a bonus pool.

11.   (new) The method of claim 8, further comprising allocating a portion of the wagers received from the two or more players to a bonus pool for bonus payouts.

12.   (new) The method of claim 11, wherein presenting the bonus game further comprises presenting a non-bingo bonus game outcome in response to an occurrence of a winning bonus game event at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo bonus game outcome corresponds to a prize selected from the prize pool.

13.   (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the bonus pool is a progressive jackpot pool.

14.   (new) A method for providing a progressive award for a bingo gaming system, the method comprising:

creating a bingo gaming session that includes two or more players initiating a bingo game at two or more bingo terminals;

allocating a portion of a wager from the two or more wagers to a progressive jackpot;

presenting a bingo game to the two or more players, wherein results from the bingo game are displayed as non-bingo game of chance;

initiating a bonus game on the two or more bingo terminals; and

awarding one or more progressive prizes for any winning outcomes in the bonus game, wherein the progressive prize is a prorated progressive jackpot amount that is dependent upon the wager of the player.

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15.   (new) The method of claim 14, wherein presenting the bingo game further comprises:

generating a bingo ball draw presented at the two or more bingo player terminals,

wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls; and

displaying a non-bingo winning game outcome to the player in response to a winning

bingo game outcome occurring at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo winning game

outcome corresponds to a prize selected from a prize pool, wherein the prize pool includes a

plurality of game outcomes for the non-bingo game of chance.

16.   (new)   The method of claim 14, wherein initiating the bonus game further comprises:

sending any remaining bingo balls from the bingo ball draw to the two or more bingo

player terminals to generate the bonus game; and

presenting the bonus game outcome as a non-bingo game outcome.

17.   (new)   A method for providing a player-funded bonus game in a bingo game, the method

comprising:

receiving a wager from two or more bingo game terminals to establish a gaming session

for a bingo game;

allocation a portion of the wager from the two or more bingo game terminals to a bonus

pool;

generating an ordered ball draw for the gaming session;

initiating a bonus game on the two or more bingo game terminals if a predetermined

minimum number of bingo balls remain in the ordered ball draw;

determining if a winning bonus outcome is present on the two or more gaming machines;

and

awarding a bonus award from the bonus pool for the winning bonus outcome.

18.   (new) The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying the bonus game outcome

as an outcome of a non-bingo game-of-chance.

19.   (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the bonus pool is a progressive pool.

20.   (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the bonus award is a prorated amount of the

bonus pool that is dependent upon the wager.